

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

POINTE AUX CHENES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (PACWMA)

2012 Youth Lottery Deer Hunt Provisions and Requirements

Hunt Details:

LDWF will provide deer hunting opportunities for **UP TO 10 YOUTHS ON EACH OF THE TWO, 2-DAY HUNTS (Oct. 6-7 and Oct. 13-14, 2012)**. Youth hunters will be selected by electronic lottery drawing and will be issued a letter permit indicating dates and a hunting location for the weekend. Youth hunters will only be selected for one of the two weekends. The letter permit will include detailed information that will specify hunting dates, times and locations. Selected youth hunters will be allowed to hunt from approximately 2:30 p.m. until ½ hour after official sunset on the first day and from ½ hour before sunrise until 10:00 a.m. on the second day.

Only youths who are between 8 and 17 years of age may participate in the hunts. To be eligible to participate, the enclosed application must be completely filled out; including name, address, telephone, and date of birth of the youth applicant. Proof of age is required. Examples of proof of age include birth certificates, hunter education certificates, or student identification cards. The application must have attached to it a copy of the youth's "hunter safety certification" **or** "proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course." If youth hunters under the age of 16 have not completed a safety course, they are still eligible to participate. However, a copy of the **accompanying** adult supervisor's "hunter safety certification" **or** "proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course", **or** copy of "valid hunting license" must be attached to the application. All youth hunters 16-17 years of age must be properly licensed. Applications must also include a \$5.00 administrative fee (check or money order made payable to Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries). **This administrative fee is non-refundable.**

Applications that are not totally completed and that do not have all required attachments and fees will not be processed for consideration in the lottery drawing. Applications must be submitted individually - only one youth's name per application. Only one application can be submitted per youth - submission of more than one application for a youth shall disqualify the applicant.

The completed application, with the required attachments, must be received at the address below by the "close of business" on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. A drawing will be held after September 26 and selected applicants will be informed by a phone call and e-mail. Awarded hunts are not be transferable and must be in the hunter's possession while on the area on the days of the hunts.

Each youth hunter selected (including hunters that are 16-17 years of age) must be accompanied by one (1) adult supervisor, 18 years of age or older. Adults may not possess a firearm during the hunting trip. Youth hunters may possess only one legal firearm while hunting. The supervising adult must be within "arms reach" of the youth at all times. The adult may supervise only one (1) youth during the hunt.

All deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have them in their possession while hunting in Louisiana. Thus, you must obtain deer tags to participate in youth hunts as well.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED for anyone participating in youth hunt event.

Hurricane Isaac significantly impacted Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA this year. As a result many of the features provided on past hunts may not be provided for this year. Some examples may include fewer than 10 applications awarded, food plots may not be provided, deer stands may have minor damage, signs of significant recent human activity around each stand from staff making necessary repairs, and applicants may have to walk a short distance through mud to reach the provided stands.

More details about the hunts will be provided in the letter permit issued to the selected applicants (schedule for the event, rules for accessing hunting locations, types of firearms permitted, shooting hours, harvest limits, etc.). Please feel free to contact the LDWF New Iberia Office at 337-373-0032 for more details.

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